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REMARKS

The non-final Office Action mailed May 6, 2003 has been received and carefully reviewed. Claims 1-36 are pending in the application. Applicant acknowledges allowance of claims 15-17, 19-22, and 26. Claims 29-36 have been cancelled without prejudice, in view of the finality of the restriction requirement.

The remaining pending claims 1-14, 18, 23-25, 27 and 28 are indicated as allowable if the aforementioned claims are amended to overcome the Examiner's informal objections thereto. Applicant notes that the Examiner has properly addressed the minor informalities issues concerning claims 1-14, 18, 23-25, 27 and 28 by objection, rather than rejection. As such, none of the amendments to the claims have been made for purposes of patentability, nor do any of the claim amendments have a narrowing effect on the scope of the claimed subject matter.

Claim 1 has been amended to address the informalities objection in a manner suggested by the Examiner. Allowed claim 15 has been amended to address the Examiner's concern regarding Applicant's term "classified atrial intervals" as was raised with regard to claim 1.

Claims 4, 5, 9, and 23 have been amended to remedy the Examiner's objection of these claims.

Claims 10, 11, and 13 have been amended to address the Examiner's objection of these claims. Concerning the objection to claims 24, 25, and 27, Applicant respectfully contends that no structure need be recited, as these claims are method claims.

Claims 12 and 18 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objection of these claims.

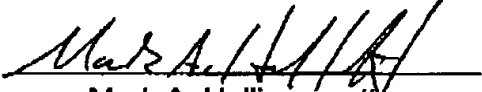
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It is believed that the amendments to the claims and the arguments presented above place claims 1-28 in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if there are any questions regarding this Amendment and Response, or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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